



**John Bel Edwards**  
GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana includes a community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their contributions to our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana recognizes that older adults are trailblazers—advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana is committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and helping all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and
- WHEREAS,** we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by: promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement. Emphasizing home and community-based services that support independent living. Ensuring community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** **I, John Bel Edwards,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**  
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand  
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the  
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of  
Baton Rouge, on this 21st day of April  
A.D., 2016.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Bel Edwards".

*Governor of Louisiana*